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**Amendment to Item 63:**

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was established by Chapter 2.68 of the County Code with responsibility for organizing and directing preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County. OEM plans and prepares for emergencies, provides public education about preparedness, coordinates response and recovery, and collects and disseminates emergency information to a host of stakeholders countywide. The Operational Area Emergency Response Plan and County Code 2.68 outline that emergency response and recovery is a shared responsibility by all departments. OEM's existing capacity to effectively and timely fulfill its overall responsibility is inadequate and requires a review and analysis of ways to improve their operation as well as enhance collaboration and coordination across the County Departments is necessary.

Assigning a liaison from certain County Departments to OEM, such as the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Works and others as appropriate, will not only be a force multiplier for OEM but also allow the participating departments to undertake specific emergency management roles that support and strengthen their respective departments and improve the management of emergency and disaster operations in general.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer study the feasibility of assigning a liaison from appropriate County Departments, such as the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department, the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Works and others as appropriate, to OEM for purposes of increasing OEM's capacity to effectively and timely fulfill its role as well as to enhance collaboration and coordination across the County Departments to improve our County's management of emergencies and disasters and report back in three weeks.

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